

*Request for Decision United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council*

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, September 27, 2013				Report Date	Monday, September 23, 2013			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

## Disposal Site Winter Hours - Report #27/09/13/1104

**Subject:**

Update on the results of Disposal Site hours survey.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the following resolution reducing the hours of the disposal sites during the winter months of January, February and March as occurred in 2013.

**WHEREAS** Council has lobbied for public input on preferences for winter disposal site hours;

**AND WHEREAS** those who have responded would like to see the sites remain open;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to uphold the resolution passed in 2012 which defined reduced Disposal Site hours for the months of January, February and March annually by closing the Bissett site on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m. and closing the Stonecliffe site on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. instead of 4:15 p.m.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

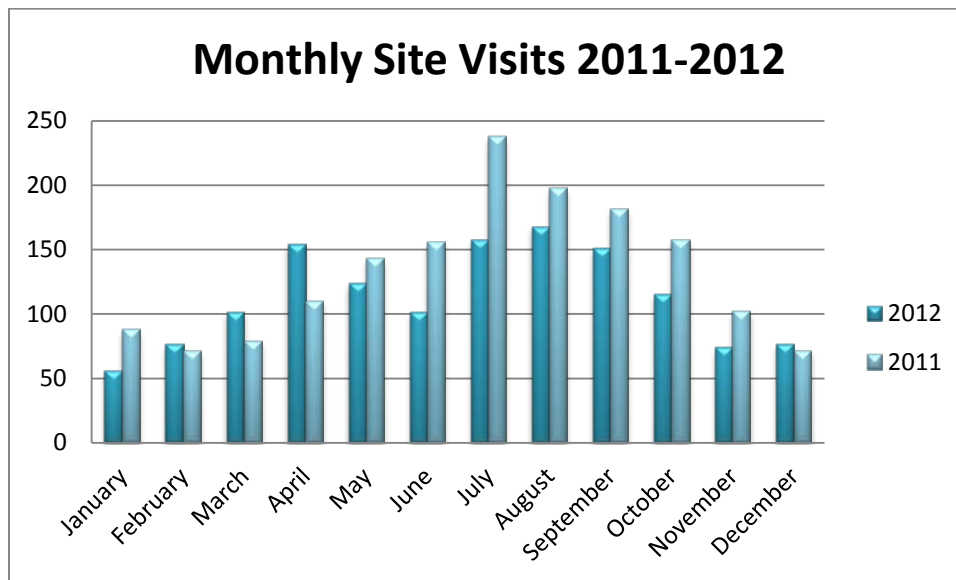
Upon Council direction a survey of residents was inserted in the Newsletter. The following are the result of paper responses. Bill has also received verbal input.

<b>Number of physical responses received</b>	<b>7</b>
Permanent residents	6
Seasonal	1
Snowbird	1
Convenience I can do without	2
Necessity	6
Waste of my tax dollars	0
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One day a week.</li> <li>• Affect income of the employee.</li> <li>• What days to be cut?</li> <li>• What hours to be cut?</li> <li>• Why no specific details – voting in the dark?</li> </ul>

- Possibly once every two weeks.
- Concerned about possible loss of Mr. Donnelly who is doing an excellent job for our community;
- Next survey needs more space /options/opinions
- Perhaps once per week (Saturdays) or every 2 weeks

Bill has received mixed comments; people are wondering what is happening. Most people he has spoken to request that the sites remain open. It could be said that this is due to the fact that he is speaking to those who regularly go to the disposal sites however; overall staying with the same rules as last winter seems to be preferred.

Bill needs to be at the disposal sites on Tuesdays and Thursdays to empty the truck and complete site maintenance no matter what hours are open. Maintaining the resolution passed in 2012 which specified “**annual**” changes to the Tuesday and Thursday hours for January, February and March seems to be the preferred choice with residents and staff alike.



**Options/Discussion:**

Council may consider any options it chooses. Consideration also needs to be given to our requirement for consistency and signage as dictated by MOE.

**Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:**

Money saved by closing on Tuesday and Thursdays during the three winter months is not significant. Closing more than that would be an inconvenience to ratepayers. Savings realized by reducing disposal site hours to only Saturdays would be approximately \$1,600. The reduced hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays as used in 2013 would cost approximately \$800 for the three month period.

**Policy Impact:**

This resolution simply upholds that passed in 2012 for the 2013 winter months.

**Others Consulted:**

Bill Donnelly, members of the public who responded to the survey.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,  
Municipal Clerk